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## The Town Meeting Appropriates, Elects

The annual town meeting was held at the Town Hall on Monday, February 5th, when only 103 votes were cast in the election and less than 200 people attended the sessions. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, and Rev. Helen Bassett of the Free Methodist Church gave the invocation. The Town Clerk read the Warrant and the polls were declared open with 5 o'clock as its closing. Action upon the various articles were taken and the total appropriations amounted to \$124,140.56. The sum of \$18,000 was voted to be taken from the reserve fund to reduce the tax rate.

Appropriations were: Tree warden \$150, moth work \$825, railings \$300, cemeteries \$800, parking lot at town hall \$500, replacement of worthless mortgage of Belcher cemetery fund \$1000, hydrant service \$400, drainage \$900, foreclosure costs of tax titles \$50, civilian defense \$100, ration board maintenance \$500, general government \$8520, police \$200, fire protection \$1825, welfare department \$29,150, highways and bridges \$31,289, street lighting \$2,971.56, Northfield Farms Library \$50, Dickinson Memorial Library, \$2500, Memorial Day \$125, athletic field and recreation \$175, public health nurse \$1960, snow removal \$4,000; town debt, Center School, \$4,500; reserve fund \$1,900.

The result of the voting was as follows: William F. Hoehn, moderator; Josephine S. Haskell, town clerk; Charles F. Slate, treasurer; George W. Carr, Fred A. Holton and Ross L. Spencer, selectmen; Charles Slate, tax collector; Ernest A. Parker, assessor; Lillian G. Wells, School Committee; C. Ina Merriam, Robert Bonner Jack and Horace H. Morse, library trustees; Dean W. Williams, tree warden; Harry M. Haskell, Joseph G. Morgan, Murray M. Hammond, Martin E. Vorce, constables; Joseph A. Bartus, cemetery commissioner.

There were no contests. Many from the outlying portions of the town were hindered in attending by the weather and transportation. During the noon recess, a committee from the local Grange served a fine meal in the room downstairs. The session was adjourned about 2 o'clock. The meeting was devoid of argument and passage of the various motions went along smoothly. New members named to the Finance Committee consist of Mr. Hoehn, Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, and James E. Dresser.

## District Club Elects

The Community Club of District No. 3 held their annual meeting on the evening of January 29 and considered many plans and programs for the coming year. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Helen Stearns; vice-president, Mrs. O. D. Doolittle; treasurer, Mrs. Willis Parker; auditor, Charles F. Slate, and Mrs. Doolittle will also act as secretary. Trustees include the president and vice-president and Ernest Parker, Eugene Williams, and Homer Browning, Sr.

## Becomes Bank Director

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Winchester National Bank Ross L. Spencer of this town was elected one of its directors, succeeding the late L. R. Smith who had served for many years. The bank has a large number of depositors from this town, who are pleased with the selection of Mr. Spencer and we congratulate him in the honor conferred.

The High School Seniors plan to take their trip to New York City this weekend to make a four-day stay.

## Eastern Star Installs Its Official Staff

Despite a bitter cold night Wednesday evening, January 31, Masonic Hall was filled to capacity with members, friends and guests of honor for the installation of the officials of Northfield Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The installing officers were Mrs. Jeannette Held of Greenfield, matron; Willis Parker, patron; Mrs. Janet Matthewson of Montague, marshal; Mrs. Irene Waite of Greenfield, chaplain; Willett Forbes of Greenfield, organist; and Mrs. Harriet Redfern of Greenfield, soloist.

Supper was served and guests were greeted upon arrival by the reception committee consisting of Mrs. Maud Montague, Mrs. Charlotte Wright and Walter Hyde. The hostesses were Mrs. Mildred Refferle and Mrs. Beatrice Harris.

The following officers were installed: Mrs. Jennie Warnock, worthy matron; Ralph Forsaith, worthy patron; Mrs. Betty Hewitt, associate matron; Willis Parker, associate patron; Mrs. Evelyn Parker, secretary; Miss Gladys Elithorpe, treasurer; Mrs. Hazel Anderson, conductress; Mrs. Dorothy Mann, associate conductress; Miss Priscilla Colton, chaplain; Mrs. Gertrude Morgan, marshal; Mrs. Claire Carpenter, organist; Mrs. Eleanor Reed, Ada; Mrs. Eva Wilde, Esther; Miss Ruth Elizabeth Field, Martha; Mrs. Helen Stearns, Electa; Mrs. Elizabeth Pallam, warder; Mrs. J. William Wilde, sentinel.

Miss Priscilla Colton, retiring matron was presented a past matron's jewel by Mrs. Josephine Haskell, the same jewel which was presented to her aunt, the late Mrs. Newton Keet, in 1908 when she retired as matron. J. William Wilde was presented a past patron's jewel by Walter Hyde.

The supper committee consisted of Mrs. George Sheldon, chairman, and other members were: Mrs. Agda Huber, Mrs. Minnie Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Skelton, George Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bolton, Mrs. Marion Ware, Miss Ida Sheldon, Charles Johnson and George Pefferle.

Decorations of the hall and tables were very attractive and were in charge of Mrs. Montague, Mrs. Gertrude Morgan and Mrs. Eleanor Reed.

## Boy Scout Week

Boy Scout Week was observed from February 8 to 14. The time marks the 35th anniversary of this fine organization which now has a membership of some 1,750,000 boys enrolled under their famous motto, "Be Prepared." Northfield has one troop which consists of 30 members and Gene Cullum is the Scoutmaster.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Young of the Farms at the Franklin County Hospital on Thursday, the 8th. His name is Alfred William and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Tenney.

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## Financial Condition "Good" Say Auditors

Chairman Fred A. Holton of the Selectmen received the report of the state's audit of the financial affairs of the town, which was made early in the month of January and printed in the annual town report. In summing up the situation here the auditor stated that the town was "in very good financial condition." It did call attention to the fact that a worthless bond of the Belcher Center Cemetery Fund of \$1000 should be restored and this was done at the annual meeting.

The report carries recommendations that standard pay-roll sheets be used which shows the taxes withheld; that efforts be made to collect school transportation bills; and that attention be given to the issuance of a duplicate note for the one lost by its holder.

Balance sheet, as of the audit date, showed Northfield's total assets as \$70,730, including: Cash, \$48,819; taxes due, levies of 1942, 1943 and 1944, \$15,633; motor vehicle excise taxes due, 1944 levy, \$178; timber

## Local Girl Marries

At the home of Rev. Mary Andrews Connor, former minister of the Unitarian Church, on Sunday, February 4, Marilyn A. Munson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Doolittle of the upper Farms and Ronald A. Walker, son of Mrs. Barbara Walker of Shelburne Falls, were united in marriage. The couple were unattended. The bride is a graduate of the local high school and of the New England Peabody Home for Crippled Children. Mr. Walker is a graduate of Arms Academy and employed at Millers Falls Co. After the wedding the couple left for Boston and upon their return will reside here.

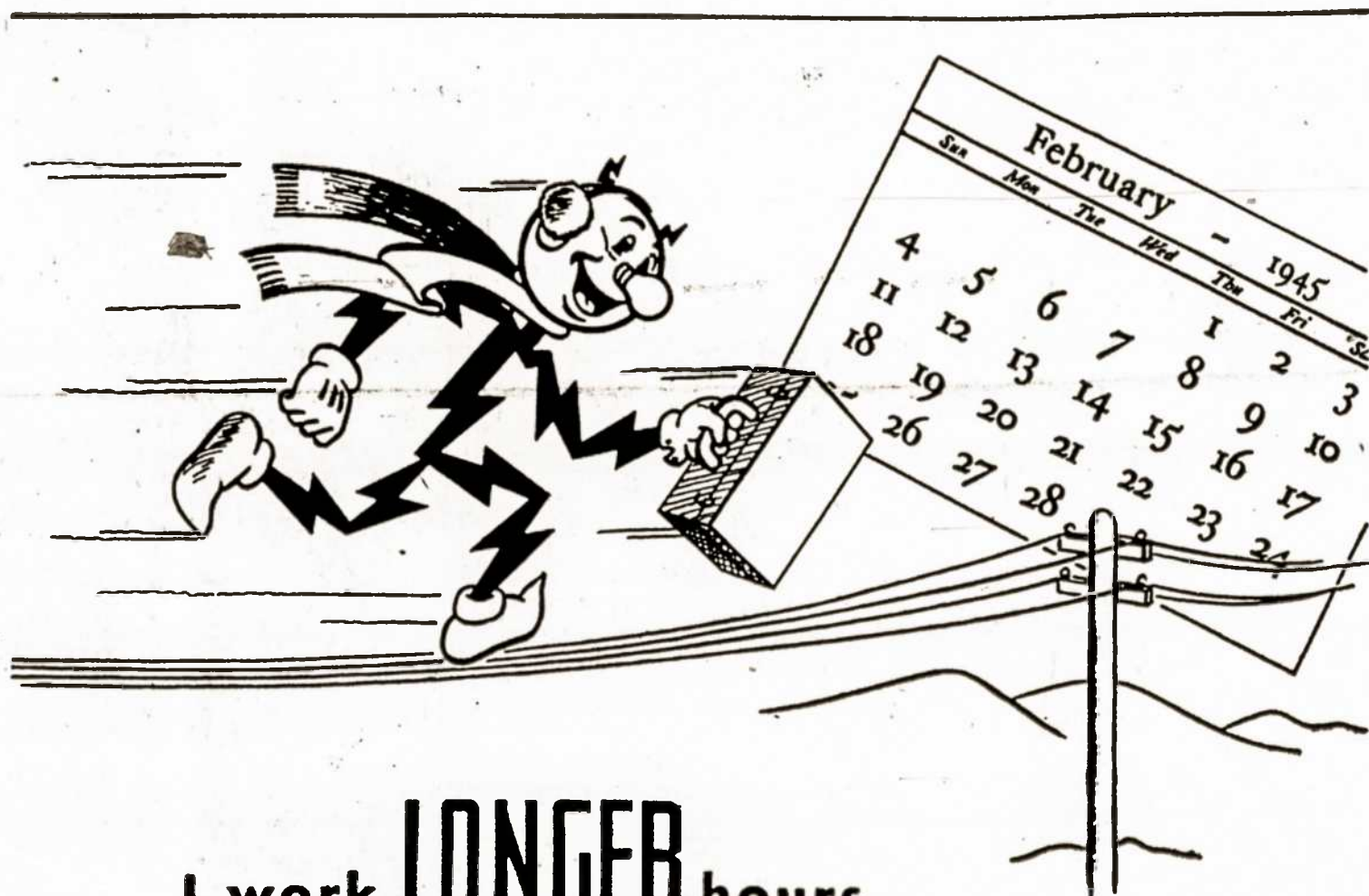
salvage taxes, levies of 1940, 1941 and 1942, \$3,589; tax titles, \$1,005; departmental bills, \$459.

Liabilities included: Tax collector's cost, \$34; tailings, \$20; reserve fund, overlay surplus, \$1,974; overlays reserved for abatements, \$3,010; surplus revenue, \$44,935.

The town had one debt account of \$27,000; and 15 trust accounts aggregating \$62,479.

## The Brownout Here Compliance Demanded

In common with other towns throughout the nation, Northfield faithfully observed the "blackout" as a war proposition in order to minimize the sky glow for possible enemy planes. Now the situation becomes different and we are asked to participate in a "brownout" in order to conserve fuel and energy in the manufacture of electricity. The request was effective February 1 and the public were given the information by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. It is a conservation matter and all display and unnecessary lighting were to be dispensed with. Allowing lights to burn electricity needlessly will defeat the purpose of the "brownout." Us what lighting you need for personal requirements but waste not. In accordance with the order, all stores in town have dispensed with their display lights and the Honor Roll at Town Hall is "brownouted." Illumination of public places must also be curtailed and no light should be left burning where it is of no avail.



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**Announce Marriage**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Goodnow of Springfield announce the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Lena Goodnow, to Robert M. Bullevant of Springfield on Saturday, February 3. The young couple will reside at North Wilbraham where they will be at home to their friends. Mrs. Bullevant is a grand-daughter of William J. Wright, formerly of this town.

**Announce Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kraus of Baltimore, Md., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn, to Ensign Robert Birdsall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwin D. Birdsall of Mount Hermon.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance were guests at the home of Mrs. Bertha Leach on Maple Street Thursday afternoon, February 8th.

**Enjoying Lake Alfred**

While Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody are enjoying the winter months at Lake Alfred in Florida, the sunshine and the balmy weather, they are also enjoying the presence of friends from this town, including Mr. and Mrs. N. Dwight Alexander, Lawrence Cooper, and Miss Carolyn Northrup of St. Johnsbury, Vt., a former teacher at the Seminary, '86 to '89, and who had Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Moody as pupils. Since Mr. Moody is a graduate of Amherst, he with friends formed an Amherst club at the hotel and they enjoyed a dinner marking the 93rd birthday of its president, Frank C. Nelson of Monson. The group included Mr. Alexander, Dr. T. W. Possum, a former faculty member, Mr. Moody and a guest, Dr. E. E. Sawyer of Bartow, Fla., also Mr. Nelson, who read some poems and played on the flute which he used in the college orchestra.

**Malcolm Billings Dies**

After a year's long illness, Malcolm Billings died at his home Thursday, February 8, at the age of 37 years. He was born in Montague April 26, 1907, the son of Roger W. and Ruth (Osgood) Billings but came to Northfield when a child. Mr. Billings was employed at the Starrett plant in Athol. He was a member of the local Congregational Church and of the Knights of Pythias.

Surviving are his wife, the former Violet Gaines; a daughter, Beverly, and a son, Wayne; also his parents, a sister, Mrs. Bernice Underwood of Greenfield and two brothers, Warren M. Billings and Glen C. Billings of this town. The funeral service was at the Congregational Church with the pastor, Rev. Joseph Reeves, officiating and burial was in the Farms Cemetery.

Charles Olds and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert attended the recent off-

**Town Topics**

Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving, rector of Calvary Church at Pittsburg, has been chosen as Bishop of Arizona. He is the father of Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, rector of Trinity Church at Princeton, N. J., well known to many here as a participant and visitor to our summer conferences.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of West Northfield at the Farren Memorial hospital on Saturday, February 10, grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clough of this town.

Mrs. Charles L. Johnson entertained the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Congregational Church at her home on Wednesday, February 7. Mrs. C. C. Compton gave a most interesting talk on "Greece."

Mrs. George M. Ball of Winchester Road recently spent a week on a visit in Boston with Mrs. Pinkham at the Hotel Lorraine.

**Observe in Boston**

Founders Day of the Northfield Schools was observed by the Boston-Northfield Club at the Mount Vernon Club at the Mount Vernon Church on Sunday, February 4, in co-operation with the Boston-Mount Hermon Club and the Northfield League evening group. Rev. Carl Heath Kopf, the pastor of the church, spoke of the life of D. L. Moody, who was a member of that church when he lived in Boston. Mr. Kopf said "that Moody's great religious and educational influence was exemplified in thousands of lives." Gaylord Douglas, Alumni secretary of Mount Hermon, was also a speaker and Priscilla Hall-Fitch was the guest soloist. Tea was served in the reception room of the church after the vespers.

cers conference of the State Grange held in Greenfield recently. They represented the local Grange.

**New Books at Library**

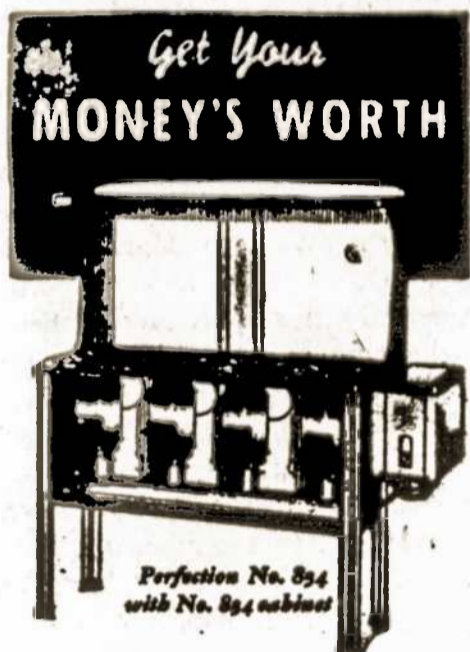
Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library have added a number of new books to its shelves, ready for circulation, as reported by the librarian, Miss Lucy M. Eveleth.

Anything Can Happen, by George and H. W. Papashvily; Bride in the Solomons, by Osa Johnson; Building of Jalna, by Mazo De LaRoche; By Valous and Arms, by J. H. Street; Deep River, by Henrietta Buckmaster; Farewell to Tharrus, by C. M. MacLean; Gobi Desert, by Mildred Cable and L. F. French; Green Dolphin Street, by Elizabeth Goudge; Hard Facts, by Howard Spring; Japan's Islands of Mystery, by W. DeM. Price; Keepers of the Faith, by Emilie Loring; Nods and Becks, by F. P. Adams; Story of a Secret State, by Jan Karski; The Key, by Patricia Wentworth; Thirty Days to Live, by Anthony Gilbert; Time for Decision, by Sumner Welles; Toward Zero, by Agatha Christie; Treasury of American Folklore, edited by B. A. Botkin; Winter Wheat, by Mildred Walker; World of Washington Irving.

**Engagement**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kurko of Hartford, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna, to Rev. Edward Curtis Dahl, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Dahl of New Haven, Conn. Miss Kurko, a graduate of Smith College and of Teachers College, Columbia University, was formerly a member of the history department and head of Hillside-Crane Hall at the Northfield School for Girls. She is now dean of sophomore girls at the Oak Park and River Forest Township High School in Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Dahl, a graduate of Harvard College and of the Yale Divinity School, is the minister of Center Congregational Church in Brattleboro, Vt. From 1941 to 1944 he was minister of the Congregational Church in Northfield.

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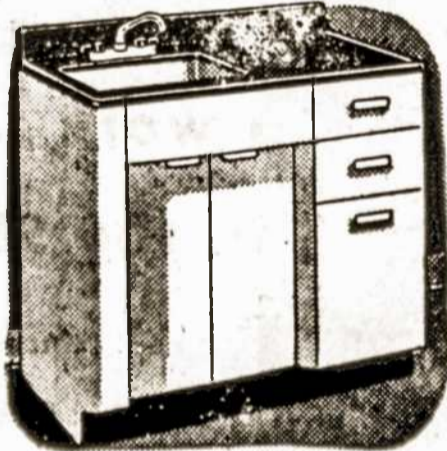
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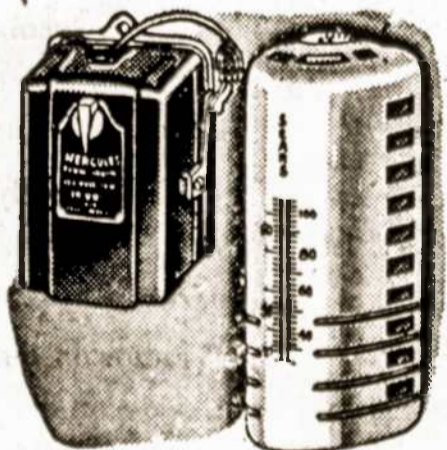
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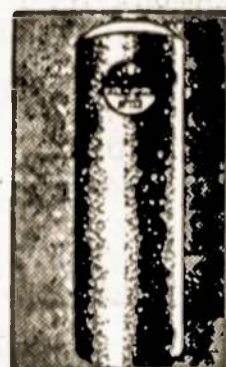


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